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For: **Method and Interface for Improved Efficiency in Performing Bus-to-Bus Read Data Transfers**  
Inventors: Dobson *et al.*  
Our Ref: 1875.1750000

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1. Information Disclosure Statement;
2. Form PTO-1449 accompanying two (2) documents; and
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## OTHER (Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, etc.)

	AR	1	PCI Special Interest Group, PCI-to-PCI Bridge Architecture Specification, Revision 1.1 (December 18, 1998), 148 pages.
	AS	1	PCI Special Interest Group, PCI Local Bus Specification, Revision 2.2 (December 18, 1998), 303 pages.
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